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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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MEETING MINUTES

The February meeting was full of concerns and new issues. The most important business on the agenda was the membership vote to allow RNA to join the new Heights Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, which they did by unanimously accepting the coalition's constitution. This will give RNA and its membership a greater voice on issues that affect the entire Community, not just our individual neighborhood. We hope our new association will be as successful as the downtwon coalition (DCNA).

We also had two guest speakers, Robert Cerchio and Jim Murray, architects in the City's Dept. of Engineering. These gentlemen came to present their renderings of the proposed design renovations for Riverview Pak. The members were encouraged to make comments and recommendations, which we did. (A discussion of these plans starts on page 2.)

The next major issue to be discussed was the proposed plans of a sludge treatment facility, or gasification plant, that will be built in Hoboken just north of the 14th Street viaduct. The plant, which is to burn approximately 22 tons of sludge a day, and will have three stacks that rise 100 feet (two are for emergency use only), will release "acceptable levels" of toxic gases into the air, close to the Palisade cliffs and the residents who live directly above and below them. While the state DEP claims that this gasification process is safe, many residents of the four surrounding cities (Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken and Jersey City) are not convinced. A special meeting with the DEP in Hoboken was scheduled for February 22nd (An update on this issue begins on page 4.)

The next order of business was the nominations for the elected officers of RNA. The nominations are still open and the vote will be taken at the March meeting.

Other items of interest: a report by Ruth Conrad about the Community Relations meeting at the North District police station on Feb. 5th and a discussion about the current rise of crime in our immediate neighborhood, the date for our flea market was chosen - June 9th, and a discussion about the state proposal for a bus lane along the old Conrail line below the Palisades.

After the meeting, we enjoyed refreshments, displayed in a Valentine setting, that had been provided by several members. The monthly 50/50 was won by our own Hank Cesari, who generously donated the prize back to the RNA treasury. Thank you Hank!

ELECTION TIME

At RNA's February meeting, nominations were opened for the annual election of officers for the Riverview Neighborhood Association.The nominations will remain open through the March meeting, at which time the nominations will be closed and the election held. All members are encouraged to attend the March 13th general meeting to vote for the candidate of their choice.

The nominations, as of the February meeting, are as follows:

1) CHAIRPERSON: Vito Brunetti
Maria Tuzzo

2) VICE-CHAIR: Hank Cesari
Bill LoPinto

3) SECRETARY: Maria Tuzzo

4) TREASURER: Jack Rea
Gert Bogdan

5) SGT.-AT-ARMS: Dennis Elgrim

Remember, you may still nominate candidates for office at the March meeting (including yourself, if it can be seconded by another person). Please make an effort to attend the meeting and exercise your right to vote. (Reminder: only those members who have paid their annual membership dues for 1990 are eligible to vote in this election.) Take an interest in your community and participate in your neighborhood association.....you won't regret it!

Your chance to make a difference in your neighborhood and ultimately your city starts here at RNA.

COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 7:30 PM

AT THE HARBORVIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

A) GUEST SPEAKER: MARTIN ROBBINS, DIRECTOR
NJ TRANSIT: HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

B) ANNUAL ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS

RIVERVIEW PARK RESTORATION

(The following three articles concern the proposed plans to restore Riverview Park. The first is a letter which is the official response of RNA to these plans.)

February 19, 1990

Bureau of Architecture
Attention: Robert M. Cerchio, Chief Architect
James Murray, Asst. Chief Architect

Riverview Neighborhood Association would first like to thank your department for the work and effort that went into the plans for the restoration of Riverview Park. We are glad that the City is finally recognizing the importance of this Park and hopefully other parks in the City. The initial meeting at your office and then your presentation of the plans at our own RNA meeting was well appreciated.

We are very anxious to cooperate with your department and any other agency in the City to carry out this well-needed restoration. The Park is a very important part of our community life and as you witnessed, opinions about its care, maintainence and restoration are strongly felt.

We as a group have articulated our main concern: that the plan does not consider the historic significance or special character of the Park's existing design. As you mentioned at our meeting, you seem to understand that we want the park design to remain as it is. Therefore, after reviewing the proposed park design and discussing various aspects of the plan with our neighbors, the RNA would like to formally comment on these plans:

1) WALKWAYS: The existing walkways are in disrepair and should be replaced by new concrete. However the RNA feels the current configuration and dimensions (including low curbing) should be retained. We feel the widening of the walks to accomodate heavy equipemnt is not a good idea.

2) ENTRIES: The proposed brick entries would detract from the open, continuous spatial quality of the Park. In addition, these entries would obstruct the panoramic view of the Park and would introduce problems regarding security, litter, graffitti, and vandalism.

3) The "CIRCLE": The raised circle in the center of the Park should remain in its present location. Repairs should be made to the deteriorating concrete structure. A proposal for colorful (and "dog-resistant") plantings within the circle would be preferred. Ideas regarding sculptural landscaping schemes for this area are welcome.

4) PLAYGROUND LOCATION: The RNA would like to see the playground remain at its present location, in the northeast area of the Park, along Ogden Avenue. However, a safe, permanent play surface is needed as well as the addition of traditional/conventional play equipment. In addition, fencing or plantings are needed to prevent children from straying into the street.

5) DRAINAGE: The drainage system proposed is needed but we do not want unnecessary digging up of the grounds to install it.

6) TREES: We are very concerned about the trees in the Park. Unfortunately, they have been neglected for a long time. Our main concern is that there is no unnecessary destruction of trees to accomodate the construction of either the walkways or the drainage system. We strongly recommend that there be a thorough examination by a qualified tree expert to advise the City what should be done to the trees.

7) LIGHTING: The addition of a number of shorter (14 foot high) light poles, as proposed, would obstruct the view through the Park - especially at night. This would also invite vandalism to the poles. An upgrading of the existing light poles from wood to finished metal and the replacement of the orangish light bulbs with white ones would be preferred.

There are also three requests that we would like to ask of your department:

a) that the land in the southeast section of the Park (a lot which the City took over and then demolished the structure on it: the address is listed as 285 Ogden Avenue) be annexed into the Park,

b) that you give RNA a copy of the original layout and design of the Park, and

c) that you provide RNA with the resume and examples of work of our new Parks director, Rodney Hadley.

We await the revisions to your original plans and look forward to working with you on the final design. If there are any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Again, thank you for your cooperation and effort.

RIVERVIEW PARK PLANS

On February 7th, several members of RNA met with city architects, Bob Cerchio and Jim Murray, new director of Parks and Forestry, Rodney Hadley and Betty Kearns to look over proposed plans for the restoration of Riverview Park.

The following Sunday, our committee met in the park, copies of the drawings in hand. We walked around and compared the plans to what now exists. Cindy Sanford made the observation that the new design called for the play area to be moved closer to Palisade Avenue. She said she wouldn't want her daughter to play where the continuous car, bus and truck traffic tended to fill the air with exhaust fumes.

At our next RNA meeting, February 13th, Bob and Jim, presented their plans to the group. a question and answer session followed. After much discussion, it was concluded that we liked the design of the Park as it is now, but we would like to see everything upgraded.

In a followup phone conversation with Jim Murray, he said he would like to get the plans approved by the Planning Board as soon as possible. Then the job can go out to bid and construction started as soon as the fall of 1990. (There is about $400,000.00 set aside for this project.)

I would like to thank the Bureau of Architecture and everyone involved for being so cooperative and accessible. We are fortunate to have so many talented people working to improve our City.
ANNE HART

CONRAD'S CORNER

The western side of Riverview Park looks like a New England village green with its stately trees, much like a nineteenth century poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's discription of huge oak trees bearded in moss and in green garments indistinct in the twilight.

The carefully planned irregular paths look as if they had been disigned by Olmsted of Central Park fame.

A distant view of New York under the trees from a car traveling south on Palisade Avenue is a magnificent sight at night because the lighting is concealed high up in the trees. It was much admired by famous landscape architect Dean Clark of cornell when he visited Jersey City.

Although Riverview Park has been declared a historic park since 1978 all this simple beauty will be lost if the park is to be upgraded with a new paving pattern, installation of low level lighting and removal of most of the old trees. The dreamy view of New York will be lost if all the trees are cut down and replaced with saplings. It will take about ten years before they provide enough shade to bring back the spectacular view from under them.

Replacing all the narrow paving with a wider concrete design and eight by six inch curbing would over accent the walkways which at present offer little contrast between the dark concrete and the lawn.

All this upgrading is being planned by the city's Bureau of Architecture and there is about $400,000.00 of funding for this project.

The plans, however, when being reviewed by our own architects were estimated to cost over a million dollars and would really not improve the park, in fact it could turn out to be a disaster like the recently upgraded Pershing field which is horrendous when comparing it with early photos of the park with its beautifully designed pavilion which was knocked down and replaced with an ugly field house.

Since all this work will be done modern with mechanical equipment the results will be similar to the sterile look of Pershing Field.

Although the drains have been clogged for the last forty years the whole park is pitched slightly from Ogden Avenue to Palisade Avenue so that whatever puddles are formed from the rain are quickly dispersed.

What seems more important first in upgrading Riverview Park would be an eight foot wrought iron fence around the pavilion to keep graffiti artists away from the building and also the statue of Henry Hudson. Iron gates on the pavilion could be locked and opened up when an attendant is on duty. This would keep vagrants from hanging out in the pavilion when there is not an attendant or policemen around in the wee hours of the morning.

The design of the fencing would be the same as the one used around Tumulty Park at Ogden Avenue and Cuneo Place.

Just patching up the sidewalks and curbs of the Western side of the Park is all it really needs. A crew of six men with a small cement mixer could do this work by removing the old concrete but not the cinder base which has been compacted over the years. The most serious problem spots have been caused by heavy trucks driving over portions of the side walks. This will happen again if a new paving pattern is used for a new sidewalk and heavy trucks are allowed to run roughshod all over them again.

The immediate goal should be to encase the park pavilion with a wrought iron fence. The top of the fence can be smeared with lamp black and grease to discourage climbing over it. With the fence some eight feet away from around the pavilion we may at last have a graffiti free pavilion in the park which is a terrible eyesore at present. We could use circular cement tiles to form a cement railing around the pavilion.

Fencing with gates will cut down on the maintenance and eliminate use of the pavilion from undesirables.

Removing all remains of the broken down high iron fence facing the view of New York and adding two 12" cement blocks with a forty-five degree beveled coping similar in design to the concrete wall along the plank road below will stop anyone from sitting on it. Cracks in the retaining wall can be patched at the same time.

All this work could be done for less than the $400,000. estimate to rehabilitate the entire park and conform to the original historic design.

LETTERS

1) Pershing Field Petition for Green Acres

Recently, the Pershing Field Neighborhood Association dispatched a letter to newly elected Governor Florio regarding the reservoir #3 property in the Heights. A response came February 13, 1990 from the Dept. of Environmental Protection. The letter recognizes the importance of preserving the 13 acre property for green space. As we all know, Hudson County is the most densely populated area in the nation, and with precious little space available for our children to play, every opportunity to retain this unpolluted bit of land must be seized.

Our group has a petition drive underway to annex reservoir #3 onto Pershing Field to roughly double the size of that park. This oasis in the middle of our county with the right planning could help defer and reduce the pollution from the heavy vehicular traffic spewing out of the two tunnels within its five mile radius. We invite all interested parties to sign our petition and help convince our city fathers that development of this area is in NO ONE'S interest, but, preservation of this land open and free is in the public's best interest. For the good health of the community and for the future residents to relax in a park setting that is the goal of our petition drive.

Louis DeStefano, Vice-President
Pershing Field Neighborhood Assoc.

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2) Green Acres
(The following is the letter from the NJDEP regarding the eligibility of placing the reservoir under the Green Acres Program.)

To the Pershing Field Neighborhood Association
Subject: Reservoir #3, and Pershing Field

Your recent letter to Governor Jim Florio has been referred to me for response.

The Green acres Program certainly recognizes the existing open space deficit in Hudson county and has worked over the years to provide quality recreation and open space opportunities to its residents.

Obviously, the preservation of an additional 13 acres of public open space in Jersey city would be a significant addition to the city's current recreation holdings.

The acquisition and/or improvements to this area appear to be technically eligible for Green Acres funding, which is awarded on a competitive basis.

In order to be considered by this agency, the City or County must be willing to sponsor and submit the appropriate application materials.

I would suggest at this time that you discuss this matter with local officials to determine the feasibility of such an effort.

If you should require specific information on Green Acres participation in Hudson County, please feel free to call on John S. Watson, Jr. of my staff directly at (609) 588-3490.

Sincerely,
Bonnie G. Hammersted, Administrator
Green Acres Prgm, Dept. of Environmental Protection

UPDATE:

SEWER SLUDGE GASIFICATION PLANT FOR HOBOKEN-WEEHAWKEN-UNION CITY

During the month of February, members of RNA attended two meetings concerning the proposed sludge disposal plant to be located in Hoboken directly below the Palisade cliffs (at 16th Street and Adams). The N. J. Dept. of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing the application for the air quality permit, which if approved, would allow the Tri-City Sewage Authority to construct and operate the plant at this site for the three cities of Hoboken, Weehawken and Union City.

Gasification is a process by which a specific material (sludge, garbage, etc.) which needs to be disposed of is mixed with coal and passed over heated sand. The process produces varying amounts of toxic pollutants, some of which are expelled into the air through a smoke stack. The remainder of these remain behind in the form of "toxic ash" which must be disposed of; usually in designated landfills. Gasification of sewer sludge is an unproven and controversial process - its opponents claim that other methods are available for disposing of sludge with little or no toxic output - at less expense.

The first meeting was held in the Hoboken City Hall on Feb. 8th. The meeting was not intended as a public hearing. Several private companies made presentations to Hoboken officials outlining their techniques for disposing of sewer sludge. In addition to gasification, techniques for pelletization, composting and neutralization with lime kiln dust were presented. Of the methods presented, only gasification and incineration would admit pollution into the atmosphere. The public was not allowed to comment or question the speakers at this meeting.

On Feb. 22nd, a second meeting was held at the request of various concerned civic groups (RNA was one of the groups that requested this meeting with the DEP.) The meeting took place at the Hoboken High School and was open to the public. The NJDEP officials who are responsible for granting the application were in attendance and presented information regarding their criteria for reviewing air quality standards pertaining to this proposal. The meeting was well attended with an audience of about 500 people and a substantial number of local residents questioned the DEP and made comments objecting to this proposed gasification plant. None of the residents expressed support for the project as proposed.

RNA was well represented and made several presentations to the officals objecting to the proposed plant. Since RNA is located on the Palisades, south of this project, we are concerned about polluting the air with "acceptable levels" of toxic emissions (residents are afraid of being used as experiments to observe the effects of these toxic emissions)- in a heavily popluated area already saturated with traffic fumes from the two tunnels below us. Since the emissions will be released from a hundred foot smoke stack, the cliff residents of Union City and Jersey City are afraid that these toxins will be released directly below our homes.The point was also made that the computer model that the DEP used to justify its facts was produced in a vacuum, not taking into account the existing traffic pollution, the additional pollution that a proposed buslane to be built below the Palisades, right behind this plant, would produce and the effect that all the new waterfront developments would make by creating a "Chinese wall" that would prevent the existing air currents from freely flowing between the Hudson River and the cliffs.

One major complication regarding the application has to do with the potential loss of 61 million dollars of federal grant monies if the deadline when this plant must be operational is not met because the project is delayed to investigate alternatives. At this point, the mayors of the three municipalities involved have made formal public statements asking for a delay in granting the application and have applied to Governor Florio to include this project in his Pause initiative: a moratorium to study the effects of sludge incinerators throughtout the state. If this is granted, the federal monies would not be at risk and an appropriate timetable could be made to study environmentally safe and enconomically feasible alternatives and a selection made.

The NJDEP will rule on this application on March 15th. They will be accepting written comments regarding this project until that time. RNA urges anyone concerned to write a letter or send a postcard or telegram to the DEP and ask that this air quality permit not be granted for this project Their address is:

N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection
Division of Environmental Quality
CN-027
Trenton, N.J. 08625
Att.: Icial Atay, Chief
Bureau of Engineering and Regulatory
Development

UPDATE: SLUDGE GASIFICATION

At this point RNA, along with other members of the Waterfront Coalition, also plans to write letters to the Governor, and U.S. Senators Bradley and Lautenberg to ask them to intervene and help our area with this serious problem.We urge all our friends and neighbors to help in this effort by also writing a letter or sending a postcard or telegram to:

1) Governor James Florio
State House
Trenton, N.J. 08625

2) U.S. Senator Bill Bradley
99 Montgomery Street
Jersey City, N.J. 07306

3) U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg
One Gateway Center, Suite 1510
Newark, N.J. 07102

(BE AWARE: The Passiac Valley Sewerage Commission is also considering proposals to construct a gasification plant: this one to be built in Jersey City, on Route 440. This is because Bayonne recently dropped plans to build their own sludge incinerator when residents forced the City Council to reject the proposal.The PVSC project calls for burning about 540 tons of sludge a day. Residents not only of Jersey City but also Newark across the bay would be at risk from this project.)

HELP SUPPORT RNA

RNA's annual membership fee of three dollars ($3.00) for 1990 is due. Official membership entitles people living within RNA's boundaries voting privileges on all matters that are brought before the association at the monthly general meetings (the boundaries are Bowers Street on the north, Palisade Avenue on the west, Ogden Avenue on the east and Cuneo Place on the south). Members are also allowed to run for office in the association as Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt.-at-Arms. For people living outside the area, membership dues entitle them to receive the RNA monthly newsletter and attend the monthly meetings as active non-voting participants. In general, monies collected from the dues help defray the cost of mailing our monthly newsletter, pay for refreshments, stamps for correspondence and other expenses incurred in running our Association.

Again the amount is $3.00 for the year. Please bring your dues in person to the March 13th meeting or make your check payable to the Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail it to RNA, 232 Ogden Ave, Jersey City, New Jersey 07307. Be sure to include your return address so that your membership card can be sent to you.

JUNE 9TH IS THE RNA FLEA MARKET

The ANNUAL RNA FLEA MARKET is our biggest fund raising event of the year. This year the date of the flea market will be Saturday, JUNE 9th (with a raindate of Saturday, JUNE 16th).

We urge all members to get involved. Volunteers are needed to help with getting the necessary permits, coordinating with outside dealers, advertising, refreshments, setting up tables and selling merchandise at the RNA table. We need donations of items to sell. Baked goods are needed for sale at our food table.

There are any number of ways in which you can help, so come to the March 13th meeting for further details.

This year's chairperson is Gert Bogdan. You can contact her at 659-6575.

LOEW'S UPDATE

(The following article was written by Joseph E. Bobowicz, of Design and Construction Consultants, who has volunteered countless hours to the Loew's Project and is a member of the Jersey City Historical and Preservation Association. Joe's father, Joe, Sr., is a resident of Griffith Street.)

As it stands now the title to the Loew's Jersey Theatre is in escrow between Hartz Mountain Industries, Inc. and the recently incorporated board of trustees. Since it's incorporation the board has met twice and will continue to meet regularly. Although I am not, at this time, on the board, it was unanimously decided by the current board members that I should continue consulting with Hartz on having them comply with the legal stipulations of settlement. It is stated in the settlement that "Hartz will provide lighting and maintain the theatre roof and exterior". Based upon my recommendations Hartz has s l o w l y started to meet their obligations. I am presently working on getting the power restored to the theatre. In the future, I would like to see the building's security updated with the installation of roll down gates. These gates properly installed are often accepted by the Jersey City's Historic Preservation Commission, according to commissioner Anne Hart.

Councilman Rakowski's Journal Square Newsletter

RNA welcomes the publishing of the new community newsletter from the office of Ward C Councilman Joe Rakowski. RNA feels that the more information that is available, the better educated the citizens will be in making decisions about their community and City. In the Winter, 1990 issue, there were two items of particular interest that RNA would like to reprint.

1) The Reservoir property: "The Council recently hired the professional firm of Oppenheimer and Vogel Stein, Architects to do an initial Planning and Zoning study as to the use of the Reservoir properties. No decisions have been reached and the public will be asked for their input." In addition, "Mayor McCann announced that he will build a new police and fire station in the reservoir area near the water tank. Both the north district police station and the fire house on Ferry Street are outdated and a new building has been proposed."

2) Commercial Garbage: "Recently, the City Council passed a new ordinance for commercial garbage, whereas no commercial garbage will be allowed on the

street from midnight to 5:00 A.M. and from 5:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Garbage can only be placed on the curb one hour before scheduled pick-up. This new law will be enforced beginning February 1, 1990."

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS IN APRIL? Christmas in April is a one day volunteer effort to renovate and repair the homes of the poor, elderly and handicapped who are unable to do so themselves. It brings together a group of people from around the Tri-State area who are interested in helping those in need. Christmas in April began in Midland, Texas and has now spread to over a dozen cities across the country. This year Christmas in April will be held in Jersey City on Saturday, April 21, 1990 under the auspices of the Knights of Malta Auxiliary and with the assistance of the Jersey city Neighborhood Housing Services.

WHAT REPAIRS ARE DONE? Christmas in April does repairs in the following areas: carpentry, plumbing, painting, electrical, plastering, window glazing, repairing locks, installing smoke detectors, removing trash and general cleaning, and anything else that might make the home a better place in which to live.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER? Anyone. The amount of houses that we can repair and renovate is directly proportional to the number of volunteers that come out. It's fun, and the more people that come out the more fun it will be, and the more work can get done.

DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL SKILLS? No. Though any painting, electrical, plumbing or carpentry skills would be helpful, many community minded contractors and building supply companies participate in Christmas in April by donating skilled help, trucks, tools and supplies. So if you made it through finger painting, we'd be grateful for your help.

HOW CAN I HELP? Volunteers are needed on and before April 21th. We need help before the 21th in the areas of public relations, fundraising, supplies procurement, mailings, logistical planning, and gathering skilled trades people. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the Christmas in April organization by calling:

a) Neighborhood Housing Services:
420-1843, or

b) Christmas in April (Frank Hardart):
(201) 792-6440

UPDATE:

HEIGHTS COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS

On February 26, the HCNA met again to continue the process of ratifying their bylaws and, more importantly, begin to discuss community issues and problems. At this point, there are four official members of the coalition: Reservoir #2 N.A., South Street, RNA, and Nelson Ave. Three other groups, Pershing Field, Beach Street and Terrace Avenue have been participating and plan to join at the next monthly meeting.There are also two associate members: the Heights Interfaith Council and NHS. Issues that were discussed were 1) the trucking of unknown landfill into Reservoir #2, 2) the sludge disposal method of gasification being proposed for both Jersey City and Hoboken, 3) the Christmas in April program, and 4) an update on the plans for the reservoirs. At our next meeting in March, the agenda includes the escalating problem of crime in the Heights and the accessibility of our Ward D councilman, Dan Waddleton.

UPDATE: TRANSPORTATION PLANS

RNA has invited Marty Robbins, the director of the NJ TRANSIT'S Hudson River Waterfront Transportation Project to speak at our next meeting on March 13th. Mr. Robbins is responsible for coordinating the plans to upgrade our area's transportation network. The priorities of the project are to cut down on traffic and air pollution, provide easier access to the waterfront developments and create more direct north-south routes through the area.

Of particular concern to RNA is the proposed plans for a "WATERFRONT BOULEVARD", to be built directly below the Palisade cliffs and to replace the old Conrail River Line. At this point, a short-term multi-lane busroute is being planned for this road. RNA's fear is that this bus highway will only increase the amount of air pollution in this already saturated area (caused by the two tunnels to the north and south). We also suspect that this bus highway will replace the long term plan to develop an environmentally safe light rail system along this same route. Mr. Robbins will also speak about the present status of the Circle of Mobility (due to a rethinking by the new administration in Trenton) and the reliability of the present state of air quality testing in this area.

THE FINAL WORD

Our neighborhood is experiencing a terrible crime wave, in terms of break-ins, robberies, car vandalism, drug dealing and gang activity. (And this all occurring in the dead of winter - one, can only imagine what the warm weather will bring!) It has created a general feeling of fear and intimidation among ourselves and our families. Attempts made by the police seem unable to improve the situation. As we go to press, RNA has begun reaching out, beyond the North district, to the Mayor's office and the Chief of Police for help.

The only thing left to say is :

A) PLEASE BE CAREFUL: WATCH OUT FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.

B) REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY TO THE POLICE!

C) LET THE MAYOR AND THE POLICE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL BY CALLING OR WRITING THEM!

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